

May 8, 1969

Homer W. Lapham

Services for Homer W. Lapham, 74, retired rural mail carrier who had lived in Andover since 1904 were held at 2:00 p. m., Friday, May 2, at Zion Lutheran church, Andover.

The Rev. Gordon Buchholz of Groton officiated and burial was in the Andover cemetery. Mr. Lapham died unexpectedly at his home, Tuesday.

Music was provided by Mrs. Sharon Fainter, soloist, who sang "Jesus Savior Pilot Me" and the church choir sang, "For Me To Live Is Jesus," and "In the Hour of Trial" accompanied by Mrs. Arthur Raap, organist.

Active pall bearers were William and Arthur Kroll, Donald and Orville Heir, Douglas Ehrenberg and Richard Schroeder. Honorary pall bearers were Chas. Ahern, H. A. Somers, John Charles, Joe Berg, Harvey Hannon and James DeBilzan.

Mr. Lapham had served as president and secretary of the board of Zion Lutheran Church, was a member of the National Rural Carriers, Ass'n and a member of American Legion Post 258. He served during World War II.

Born Jan. 24, 1895 at Chicago, he came to Andover to make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hindcliff. He attended school in the South Andover rural school. He married Ella Schroeder at Andover Sept. 28, 1920. Mr. Lapham was a mail carrier for 44 years.

He is survived by his widow; three sons, Robert of Andover, Arthur of LaMoure, N. D., and Charles of Little Rock, Ark.; one daughter, Mrs. Orville (Norma) Tastad, Aberdeen; a sister, Mrs. Viola Lichtenstein, Chicago; one stepbrother, Richard Lapham, Sarasota, Fla.; eight grandchildren and one great grandchild. His parents and a son preceded him in death.

Arrangements were in charge of the Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel.